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SUBJ:SFCP PROJECT FUNDS/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR BANK
- ACCOUNTS

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1. DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN IN ACCESSING AND ACCOUNTING
FOR FUNDS AND MTG OUTSTANDING PROJECT EXPENSES (REFTEL)
BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, THE
LATE DR. AHMED SAID EL SHEIKH OF AL AZHAR UNIV HAVE POINTED
OUT SOME PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THE COMMON PRACTICE OF
OPENING A "DEDICATED OR SPECIAL" PROJECT BANK ACCOUNT IN
THE NAME OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OR FINANCIAL OFFICER
ONLY. IN THIS CASE, HEIRS OF DR. EL SHEIKH ARE CLAIMING
THAT SINCE PROJECT ACCOUNTS FOR EPA 3-346-1, NSF OIP-74-04785
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USDA FG-EG-155, ALTHOUGH SEGREGATED, WERE OPENED IN HIS
NAME, REMAINING CONTENTS ARE A PART OF HIS ESTATE. ALL
FUNDS IN ACCOUNTS WERE OF COURSE GRANTED TO AL AZHAR FOR
PROJECT PURPOSES ONLY. MATTER IS FURTHER COMPLICATED,
SLIGHTLY BY FACT THAT EL SHEIKH WAS DUE SPECIFIED SUMS
FROM ACCOUNTS FOR HIS PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

2. EMB HAS PROVIDED AL AZHAR UNIVERSITY WITH DOCUMENTATION OF PROJECT CHECKS ISSUED AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS AS WELL AS A LETTER FOR USE BY UNIVERSITY POINTING OUT ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT FUNDS, EL SHEIKH STATUS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (ESSENTIALLY ON AGENT FOR PROJECT PURPOSES). COPY POUCHED DEPT.

3. IN VIEW OF THIS EXPERIENCE, SUGGEST THAT DEPT EXPLORE WITH SFCP FUNDING AGENCIES FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING THAT PROJECT ACCOUNTS BE IN NAME OF GRANTEE INSTITUTION WITH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND OR FINANCIAL OFFICER GIVEN AUTHORITY TO DRAW ON ACCOUNT FOR PROJECT PURPOSES. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD ALLOW SEPARATE ACCOUNTS AVOIDING PROBLEMS OF CO-MINGLING AND ACCESS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN SOME CASES WHERE FUNDS WERE PAID INTO INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL ACCOUNTS, AND ALSO WOULD AVOID PROBLEMS OF "OWNERSHIP", SINCE IT WOULD BE CLEAR THAT ACCOUNT WAS HELD BY INSTITUTION, NOT INDIVIDUAL. ADVISE. EILTS

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